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76-77 SAC elections next week

Elections for the 1976-77 Student Administrative Council (SAC) Board of Directors are due to be held next week.

Adam Macsai, SAC executive vice-president, told a special board meeting March 1 that nominations for the six positions would be accepted this week and campaigning and balloting will start Monday.

This year, SAC plans to put up posters listing the positions and their duties and, after all nominations are received, a list of candidates for each post.

SAC intends to interview each nominee to ensure his or her sincerity. "We don't want anyone running just for the hell of it," Adam said.

Each person wishing to vote must be a full-time student. His name will be checked off against a master list of registered students. Voters will receive one ballot listing the positions and the candidates for each office. The voter indicates his preference and places the folded ballot in the ballot box.

Polling stations will be set up at the main campus cafeteria and at all satellite campuses.

SAC will announce the winners at its regular meeting March 29.

Those elected will be put on three weeks probation to ensure they can handle their new jobs.

Construction continues on schedule at Niagara

Construction on the new business and technology building, hampered by severe weather, is now on schedule.

Plant and property technician Gary Guzda reports that the rain, snow and ice which the Welland area received at the beginning of March made it very difficult for trucks and construction equipment to move in the field behind the Resource Centre where the new building is being erected.

But, with the arrival of more moderate weather, the work has begun to move at a normal pace once again.

The building is scheduled to be completed by Dec. 31, 1976.

Calladine's system could get rid of dumps

By MARK TESSIER

Robert Calladine says he knows of a way to eliminate garbage dumps and make a profit at the same time. His solution: make compost out of shredded solid garbage and sewage sludge.

Mr. Calladine, a mathematics instructor at Niagara College, became interested in the problem of solid waste disposal because it "grieves me to see the cities spending so much money on landfill sites and wasting this natural resource, especially since there's hardly any topsoil left in North America."

Mr. Calladine says 90 per cent of the garbage in the landfill sites can be recovered and recycled in one way or another. Mr. Calladine said his goal is to convince governments—municipal, regional and provincial—to "treat garbage by composting (shredding) it so that useful products can be made," such as potting soil and plant starter.

He also said compost is a much better fertilizer than the chemicals which are widely used now. Chemical fertilizers are only 30 per cent soluble and the remaining 70 per cent is phosphate which leaches the soil of nutrients without putting anything back. Because of this, fertilization is sometimes necessary several times a year.

Compost is 100 per cent soluble and it supplies topsoil with nutrients which it dissolves from soil and clay below the surface.

If sewage sludge were added to compost, methane, or natural gas, could be extracted. The shredder in St. Catharines already extracts methane from its compost and uses it for heating fuel in the plant. Mr. Calladine suggests that, since garbage disposal is a regional problem, Welland take some of its sewage sludge to St. Catharines where efficient extraction of the natural gas could be done.

The excess could be sold to the gas company whose pipelines pass close to the pollution control plant in St. Catharines. The cost for the renovations to the St. Catharines plant could be paid for with the money saved on landfill sites, Mr. Calladine said.

Used wood and tires also present a problem in sold waste disposal as they cannot be shredded. If a coking system were implemented, they could, however, be cooked and the resulting methane gas could be sold or used as a power source. The remaining ash would be almost pure carbon and it could be sold to the local chemical industries, Mr. Calladine said.

Mr. Calladine received a $9,000 Local Initiatives Program (LIP) grant last fall to assist in his work. He is using the money to pay two men he has hired to do some of the body work which he does not have time to do himself.

Mr. Calladine has drawn up a brief outlining his ideas and how they could be implemented. The brief, which he financed out of his own pocket, will be distributed to the local councils and the ministry of the environment.

Most drink at taverns

Students' drinking habits studied in marketing survey

By ERIC BOWMAN

Niagara College students do most of their beer consuming down at the local hotel or tavern.

This was revealed in a market research project conducted by first year Introductory Marketing students. The survey involved 189 students from the Woodlawn cam-

Under the guidance of instructor Robert Young, the students researched the beer drinking habits of Niagara students. The students found that while 79 per cent prefer beer on social occasions, only 13 per cent consume liquor and another seven per cent enjoy some other beverage excluding milk, coffee, tea and soft drinks. Of those who do drink beer, 68 per cent prefer beer and 13 per cent prefer ale. Another seven per cent said they couldn't decide.

The students were asked, "Where do you do most of your drinking?" Twice as many replied "at the hotel or tavern" as "at my residence."

Fifty-one per cent said they drink mostly at the hotels, while 24 per cent said they do most of their drinking at home. It is unclear whether "residence" means their home or just the place where the student is living.

Eight per cent said most of their drinking is done at a social outing other than pub night. Only five per cent gave pub night as the place where they do most of their beer drinking. Another 10 per cent gave "other" places but did not specify.

The survey showed that one-half per cent bought their beer from a bootlegger. Most—45 per cent—buy their beer at the Brewer's Retail. Forty per cent said they buy their beer at the hotel tavern. Nobody said pub night was where they usually purchase their beer.

And what about the under-age drinkers? Of the 189 students questioned—37 per cent of them female— 2 ½ per cent were under age. Sixty-four per cent of the students were between 19 and 21. Forty-two per cent were older than 20. The survey sneaked in a question asking, "What year were you born in?"

Who says you can't taste the difference among various kinds of beer? Students gave as many reasons as to why they prefer a certain brand as there are brands on the market today.

Don't worry; the students at Niagara College aren't beer-sucking alcoholics.

The study showed that 50 per cent drink draught beer less than twice a week and 43 per cent drink bottled beer or ale less than twice a week. Three per cent drink draught more than six times a week and 11 per cent drink bottled beer more than six times a week.

In case you're interested, Molson Canadian is the most popular beer at Niagara. Twenty-eight per cent named Canadian as their first choice and 25 per cent said if they couldn't get their first choice, Canadian would be their second choice.

Mr. Young said he was very pleased with success of the survey and the manner in which the students handled it, considering they had never done anything like it before.

Spring has sprung, the sap is running

Bill Roberts, Elaine Benoit and Linda Boudreau, grade four students from St. Theresa school, St. Catharines, watch as sap fills a bucket attached to one of the trees in the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's sugarbush near Vineland. The trio were just a few of the estimated 10,000 area elelmentary school students who were to visit the sugarbush and watch maple syrup being made. [See story and picture on page 5]

[Photo by Potter]

EDITORIAL

Death penalty a must for Canada

The death penalty, a seemingly dreaded institution to the Canadian government, should be brought back as punishment for most forms of murder, especially premeditated murder.

The fact that one person would plan the destruction of another, no matter what the circumstances, should be reason enough for its restoration. And the fact that a murderer can go to jail on a life sentence and be able to be on parole in 10 years should also be reason.

Man is living in a society where life means so much. To allow a person to wilfully take a human life and then let him off with a minimum of punishment is totally absurd. Our government exists to set up guidelines in which men may cohabit peacefully. When these guidelines have been crossed, it is up to the government to try the offenders and punish them. By allowing murderers to walk the streets after 10 years imprisonment, society learns it is possible to get away with murder.

In a society where weak controls are practised, senseless murders are committed. If a fear of death for committing homicide is not instilled into the populace, a rise in premeditated murders is imminent. We have the power to punish these wrong-doers. We must not waste it.

Man demands strict obedience from his pets. When a dog does not do as it is told, a rolled newspaper is administered. If the dog is not punished for its misdeeds and is allowed to roam unchecked, it goes wild.

Man is like a domesticated animal. Allowed to roam free, he too reverts to his previous wild nature. It is a simple learning process.

Man learns by example and the best example is fear—the fear of death. When a person knows he will be severely reprimanded for committing a wrong, then he will not do so.

Perhaps the ancient Chinese had the best idea in teaching. They made a public scene of an offender's crime. Murderers were publicly executed; thieves lost their hands. The punishment was made public so the people understood the consequences.

In the Soviet Union, where they have no crime rate, the fear of death is ingrained into the minds of the people. The usage of this fear is manipulated extremely well by the Soviets.

For example, two men held up a bank in the Soviet Union a few years ago, something which is unheard of over there. Within 24 hours, the robbers had been apprehended and executed. Needless to say, their crime rate refuses to rise.

Canada needs a policy that must be strictly adhered to so that the people understand. Homicide must not go unavenged. But it has and probably will for some time to come. This is why daily newspapers are filled with accounts of the murder of a five-year-old girl by her seven-year-old brother. This is why you continue to read about snipers in Vancouver, child slayers in Manitoba, half-crazed addicts shooting cabbies in Toronto, and gangland murders in Montreal. This is not a problem that future generations must face; this is a problem that must be handled now.

Parliament is now debating the consequences of a bill to abolish the death penalty. It will probably be strongly supported by liberal-minded politicians who don't understand. Most people demand the restoration of the death penalty but parliament, in all its wisdom, will most likely decide to abolish it.

More stringent laws and punishments for murder, for all crimes, are required. We live in a society poised on the brink of disaster. We can save the clumsy giant from toppling into a deep and dark abyss. Society fell once before into this black gulf but climbed out. The next time, we may not be so successful.

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Days that are GONE (We hope)

This snow bunny made his last leap for joy in early March. The rites of spring and the end of the white stuff are just three days away. [photo by Potter]

Ooops

In the last edition of the Niagara News, in the story on the Tory leadership convention from our Ottawa bureau, Claude Wagner was incorrectly identified as having served as justice minister in the Bourassa government.

M. Wagner was, in fact, the justice minister in the Liberal government of Jean Lesage in Quebec.

Course spared

The chemical technician course, threatened with a moratorium on enrolment or at least with incorporation into another program, has been spared.

The minimum number of 10 applications needed to retain it was exceeded by one last week.

BULLPIT

Bullpit is the free expression of opinion by second year Journalism students and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Niagara News or Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology.

A normal winter morning

By MARK TESSIER

A normal winter morning. As I walked to my car, the freshly fallen snow and ice from the night before crunched beneath my feet. My shoes and socks became saturated in the 10 steps to my car.

A normal winter morning. My car wouldn't start. I knew I should have gotten something a little newer. Amid painful screams and coughs of protest, though, the tired engine turned over and settled into an unsettled idle.

A normal winter morning. The windshield is coated with an inch of ice and six inches of frozen snow. I hate freezing rain. I got out of the car armed with my trusty ice-scraper/brush/squeegie. The scraper got rid of the snow with ease. maybe something will go right today. Wishful thinking. As I pounded away at the ice on the driver's side window, I noticed the ice-scraper/brush/squeegie was now an ice-scraper/brush. But who needs a dumb squeegie anyway?

The window finished, I moved to the rear windshield. As the snow **and** ice were uneventfully scraped away, I began to fear that I was being lulled into a sense of false security by some omnipresent sadist of the winter. This foreboding was heightened when the passenger window was easily cleared.

Then it happened. As I stepped towards the front windshield, an invisible foot tripped me. As I lifted myself out of the white winter mire, it became increasingly apparent to me that getting out of bed had been a serious error in judgment.

As I left the house for the second time, dressed in dry clothes, I looked with pride on the nicely cleared driveway I had shovelled two hours earlier (6 A.M.(. A far-off, rumbling, scraping noise was disregarded as just another noise of an awakening community.

The ice-scraper/brush was lying in the snow where I had been viciously accosted by some transparent assailant. Picking it up, I mumbled out my opinion of the veiled villain. I leaned over the hood of the car and resumed my scraping. Once again the rogue struck, jarring the scraper and eliminating the brush.

Being a calm person, I did not break into a blasphemous tirade. Rather, I stood looking at the vanquished brush, feeling my face go red and sensing that beads of cold perspiration were preparing to stream down my burning countenance.

The rumbling, scraping noise interrupted the imminent mental collapse. I looked up and there it was. The arch-rival of every early-morning snow-shoveller—the plow. I jumped into the idling car, threw it into reverse and tried to beat the steel-fronted monster.

The car jerked backwards. I could do it! I could get out onto the road before the plow blocked me in!

Then it happened. The car stalled. Without a second's hesitation, I started the car, put it in R, and—stalled. I turned the engine over again, but it was too late. Three feet of snow and ice were walled up against the curb and my once-clear driveway.

I shovelled with a fury and the drive was clear again 20 minutes later. The mood I was in would tolerate no more mischief, so the drive to Niagara was refreshingly boring.

To my surprise, a parking space was easy to find; this cheered me up considerably. I entered the newsroom and no one was able to tell the agonies I had suffered that morning.

As is my habit, I went to the coffee machine to get my recommended daily minimum of cafeine. But standing in front of the machine, I found that I had no money. I remembered. My wallet and change were in my other pants.

A normal winter morning? If it weren't so expensive, I'd wish I were dead.

PC convention a media circus

By BEV DELANEY

The recent Conservative leadership convention was a media circus. The press created and orchestrated the entire event.

No blame can be attached to convention organizers for holding the proceedings in television prime time. The name of the game is to gain as much coverage as possible. No party was ever elected without publicity.

The real villain was nine hours of television programming on Sunday. The time lapse between balloting and results was boring. The most inventive broadcaster is hard-pressed to fill dead space.

It was difficult to get a true perspective of the television coverage of the convention from the stands but several points stick in the mind.

Television reporters swarmed over the convention floor and were often seen on camera when news must have been scant. Candidates were literally inundated with all manner of reporters and photographers and could not blow their noses without a media rush. Minor events became "news".

Delegates swarmed to television sets in the halls to find out what and how they were doing. The pundits' opinion of them seemed to be the burning question.

Throughout the convention, newspapers sold like hotcakes and every sage was scrupulously read. Considering the discussions that followed, many people had read the Sermon on the Mount.

Jack Horner made a very serious charge about the power of the media. He was consistently ranked well behind in the leadership race both before and during the convention. His supporters vowed that he was in the top four and had a good chance at the prize. When the ballots were counted, the pundits had egg on their faces. There is little doubt that Mr. Horner's chances on later ballots were badly hurt by his press coverage. The sight of Jack Horner's closest advisors and supporters crying with rage and disappointment is not easily forgotten. Their point is well-taken.

In the final analysis of course, the media were fooled. No one gave Joe Clark serious consideration before the convention either. The delegates gave Mr. Clark the apple and the press the raspberry.

The lesson of the convention should be for the media to clean up their act and behave more responsibly. The answer may lie in attitudes or training or better production. It is high time the media examined their navels and came up with some concrete answers.

Top Canadian novelist defends controversial book

By MARK TESSIER

The house is large and ordinary-looking from the outside. The woman waiting at the door is casually dressed in slacks and a house-shirt. She gives her greeting warmly, but with a somewhat nervous look on her face.

After coats and shoes are removed in a small, unfurnished foyer, she leads her guests into the living room. The room is sparsely furnished—a couch and matching easy chair, a card table and kitchen chair (where she sits), a small stereo set, one endtable and lots of bric-a-brac (some of which turn out to be ash trays.

The walls of the room have built-in shelves displaying ornate serving trays and figurines, as well as a few books, including Fear of Flying and Marilyn.

Shaking hands light the first in a chain of cigarettes. She asks that the interview be limited to one hour and then she begins to talk.

Unlike her hands, the voice is calm and steady. The words, phrases, sentences pour out easily. There is never a pause in mid-sentence or an uncompleted thought. One can almost see the sentence becoming full paragraphs as one of Canada's foremost novelist speaks.

FIVE NOVELS

Margaret Laurence has written five novels and two collections of short stories. She is most noted for A Jest of God (which was made into the movie Rachel, Rachel), The Stone Angel, and her most recent and controversial novel, The Diviners.

The controversy surrounding The Diviners is centred in Lakefield, a villiage 10 miles north of Peterborough where Mrs. Laurence lives. The novel was to be on the curriculum at Lakefield High School but there were some complaints about the book being unsuitable for high school students.

"It's extremely difficult to figure out exactly what happened," Mrs. Laurence said. The complaints - about the novel were, as far as she knows, anonymous, and the exact number is unknown.

SUPPORTS BOOK

The principal of Lakefield High is supporting the book, which has now gone before the Textbook Review Committee in Lakefield. The committee comprises teachers, parents and clergy.

"I hope they pass it," she said. "The book has been given more support than knocks."

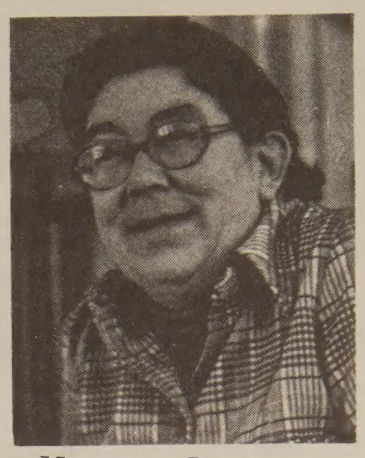
"Out of the two or 300 letters I've received about The Diviners, there have only been two nasty ones, Ithink that's pretty good."

The controversy reminds her of a letter to the editor which appeared in the Kingston Whig-Standard. The letter said Xaviera Hollander should have received the Governor-General's Award instead of Mrs. Laurence. With mock horror she recalled the letter as going on to say "At least The Happy Hooker wasn't blasphemous."

Of all her works, perhaps the most widely studied is The Stone Angel. The main character is Hagar Shipley, an old, somewhat senile woman who is desperately trying to cling to her lost youth.

When The Stone Angel first came out, Mrs. Laurence received a letter from a man in New York who had read the book in his literature study group. The man asked her where she had done her geriatrics training. She has none.

The story is set in Manawaka, a fictional town in Manitoba. Manawaka "is and isn't Neepawa," the town where she grew up, Mrs. Laurence said. From her memory of Neepawa, Manawaka is geographically the same town. But it could also be any small town in western Canada.



Margaret Laurence

Mrs. Laurence explained that she never knew any one person who was exactly like Hagar "but there must have been five or six old ladies (in Neepawa) with some of her qualities." Hagar is a combination of all.

"Most fictional characters arise like that," Mrs. Laurence said.

ADDS RESONANCE

She decided to use the name Hagar because its Biblical roots "adds a resonance to the character." (Hagar, one of Abraham's wives, was driven off into the wilderness by Sarah, Abraham's other wife.)

As a rule though, Mrs. Laurence's novels are not filled with biblical references. "I don't want to hitch my tiny wagon to that star," she said with a grin.

She found it interesting to see how the book was reviewed in the three countries where it was published. In England it was reviewed as a study of old age. In the United States it was regarded as a study of old age and pioneers, while in Canada it was considered a novel about everybody's grandmother.

Her only character drawn completely from a person in real life is Grandfather Connor, in A Bird House. He is the embodiment of Mrs. Laurence's grandfather, "a strong, authoritarian, difficult old man."

Last October, Mrs. Laurence was invited back to Neepawa, where the townspeople held a dinner in her honor in the local Legion hall. She learned, about half an hour before the dinner, that she was expected to give a speech. She used the time to explain to them that they should not be looking for people they know in her books, as her characters are combinations.

CRITICIZED

She said she has been criticized for her returns to Manawaka in her novels and short stories (five of her works are set there in whole, or in part) and the repetition of characters. To her it seems only natural that the same characters show up in all her works in a town as small as Manawaka.

The only two books of fiction she has done that are not set in Manwaka are This Side of Jordan and the Tomorrow Tamer. These are set in Africa.

They also differ from her other works because the main characters are men. Speaking of the novel This Side of Jordan, Mrs. Laurence said, "I'm sorry I did it but if I had known how difficult it would be to write, I would not have attempted it."

She had to write "from my own standpoint,—I discovered I could get more deeply into the character of a woman. I am connected to her responses to life."

It was also difficult for her to write in the framework of a strange culture. For this reason she stopped writing in Africa.

"I couldn't write any more out of Africa unless I remained as a tourist," she said.

She and her husband lived in Ghana for the five years prior to its independence from England. As is evident in both her African works, the Europeans there at that time "were living in a fantasy world."

They held the belief that independence would never be granted and even if it were, the Africans would bungle it so badly that they would beg the Europeans to take over again.

GUILT OF STAR-GAZING

The Africans, too, were guilty of star-gazing, Mrs. Laurence said. They displayed "a terrific sense of enthusiasm" over the upcoming independence, but didn't realize that it would bring problems that they never had to deal with before.

"None of the great social transitions can take place without birth pains," Mrs. Laurence said.

At the moment, Mrs. Laurencce is turning down all projects and is working re-typing a number of articles and essays she has written over the years for a collection to be published by McClelland and Stewart.

N/C's income tax service rated 'runaway success'

BY BEV DELANEY

Niagara's income tax preparation service is a runaway success, according to John Jocsak, accounting master and supervisor of the service.

In the first two weeks of operation, students prepared 12 income tax returns for senior citizens and 26 for Niagara students. The service operates in the double lunch period on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the cafeteria.

"We're very busy," Mr. Jocsak said. "One day we had nine students preparing returns for a solid hour and a half. The students are learning an awful lot."

The tax preparation service was designed by Mr. Jocsak, in co-operation with Revenue Canada, to provide accounting students with practical experience in tax preparation and application. It will operate until the end of March.

Initially, the service was offered in the resource centre on Monday evenings. These sessions have been cancelled in favor of taking the service to Sunset Haven, a senior citizens' residence in Welland. The first visit to the home had to be cancelled due to a flu quarantine but was rescheduled for March 15.

Douglas Rapelje, director of Metro Niagara's homes for the aged, was so impressed with the student service, he suggested they might visit all five homes in the region, Mr. Jocsak said. Unfortunately, this was not practicable.

Mr. Jocsak was expecting a rush on the service as soon as students had received their receipts.

Senior citizen tax returns have presented some interesting problems for the students. "The students have really had their eyes opened," Mr. Jocsak said.

Patrick Pearse Motel not best but enjoyable

By BILL RADUNSKY

Although not the most impressive production of the season—considering the exceptionally high calibre of previous ones—Press Theatre's The Patrick Pearse Motel still provided an enjoyable evening of entertainment.

The play by Hugh Leonard was directed by Sean Mulcahy and designed by Hal Travis. It was the fourth play and Ireland's entry in Press Theatre's Season of World Theatre.

The play was advertised as "A rowdy, raunchy comedy...rife with farcical situations and bristling with wit and shameless vulgarities." But the production did not quite achieve this potential.

The reason may have been mediocre portrayals by most of the cast. Not to make excuses this could have been caused in part by poor weather conditions which reduced audience size to a scant few.

The acting in great part seemed to lack that added zest and perception, which could have salvaged the play from mediocrity.

Terrence G. Ross, however, in his role of Hoolihan, as a "somewhat senile" night watchman, must be given credit for a fine performance.

The production itself plays on the old, but entertaining, theme of adultery or maybe in this case it would be labelled, near-miss adultery.

The climax comes in the final scene where everything seems to happen but the performance of the infamous deed. There are near misses both in bed and out, as husbands and wives, near adulterers and adulteresses, plus a night watchman, converge on the motel.

The technical end of the performance was handled by Niagara College's Theatre Centre with the expertise we have come to expect.

The play, though not what would be termed an inspirational experience, did provide an evening of easy-to-watch entertainment.

French theatre suffers from low attendance

By MARK TESSIER

L'Auberge des Morts Subites finished its run at the Niagara College theatre centre March 6 and, after tabulating attendance figures for the 11-day show, officials of Le Theatre Francais du Niagara are beginning to "wonder what's wrong."

Attendance was 60 per cent but most of this rate comes from five matinees for the elementary and high school students which were complete sell-outs. Of the 1,650 seats available, 1,050 were filled. Of that total, 750 were occupied by students attending the matinees. So for the remaining six evening performances an average of 50 people per night attended the show in the 150 seat theatre centre.

Although the attendance is a vast improvement over the first production, it is still "far from being what was expected and what should have been," said Jeanne Larouche, publicity director for the French theatre company.

L'Auberge was put on as a part of the French week in Welland. This led the personnel in the French theatre company to expect a good turn-out. But one or two activities in French week seemed to be more than enough for the Francophones in Welland, Jeanne said.

The next play will be a historical production. It will run from May 24 to 29 at the theatre centre and will go on tour throughout the region from May 31 to June 5.

The play is still being researched and written by Patrice Desbiens so it has not title, yet. Michael Massina will direct an all-Niagara peninsula cast in the show.

The next regular production by the professional company will be a children's puppet show. The dates have not been set.

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NIAGARA NOTES

United Way plaque presented to SAC

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) at Niagara has been presented with a plaque from the Welland United Way for its donation to the 1975 campaign.

The inscription reads: "In recognition of outstanding service to our community. Presented to the Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology Students' Administrative Council—1975 campaign."

SAC donated $500 to the 1975 fund drive which helps support many social agencies and groups in Welland.

Rock concert scheduled for gym

The Savoy Brown concert will be held in the gym in the MacKenzie Building March 31, Dennis Reeves, president of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) told the SAC board of directors March 1.

Dennis said the council had checked with the college plant and property staff and had been assured there is enough electrical power in the gym to permit the band to play there.

"As far as I know, it'll be in the gym March 31," he said.

Shorthand contest held at Niagara

Niagara College was the site of regional action in the first provincial shorthand contest for high school students.

Six area schools competed in the contest held March 5. Each school was allowed two contestants. The schools competing were Eastdale and Confederation of Welland, E.L. Crossley of Fonthill, Westlane of Niagara Falls and the high schools in Port Colborne and Thorold.

Madelaine Elliot, district councillor representing Niagara South for the Ontario Business Education Association, was the convenor for the contest. She said the hour-long contest was for any type of shorthand, with half of it being dictation and half being transcription of notes.

Miss Elliot said all regional results will be sent to Belleville where tabulation of the provincial winners will take place. Results are scheduled to be announced in May.

Computer club seeks members

The newly-formed Computer Club, a branch of the Ham Radio Club, is looking for members who want some extra-curricular practice with micro-computers.

Club activities will involve computer programming, electronics and building.

"We're trying to provide something a little more useful than regular lab work," said John Clark, the club's faculty advisor.

There will also be a programming contest with a cash prize.

Tom Hogan, club vice-president said so far the club has only six members but is confident more will come "once word gets around."

Memebership is $2 with the first meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 23 in room V12. For information students can contact president Bob Sleath, Mr. Hogan or Mr. Clark, who is available in room M17 during school hours.

Travelogue features skiing program

Free-style skiing will be featured in a travel club travelogue program to be held Thursday, April 1.

The last travelogue of the term on Thursday, April 15, will spotlight surfing and snowmobiling.

Both programs will be shown from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Room S304.

Hospitality dinner date undecided

The date of the Hospitality Club's annual International Dinner will be finalized as soon as a hall can be found, John Candeloro, club president, said. The two dates are under consideration, Friday April 9 or 16.

This year's dinner will feature Italian, German and Spanish cuisine. Managin staff for the dinner has been chosen. They are: co-ordinator, Chris Esposito; kitchen manager, Steve Akins; bar manager, Bruce Cummings, and dining room manager, Carmen Lanni.

Hitch-hiker new logo for Travel club

The Niagara College Travel Club will now be symbolized by the logo of a hitch-hiker, one of seven considered by a panel of judges in early March.

Edh. Golubienko, second year tourism, submitted the winning entry in the club's logo contest. Edh. is also the president of the travel club. It was chosen on the basis of design humor, immediate association with travel, representation of youth, human interest, and simplicity. The panel of judges included Paul Smith, director of marketing for Conklin Shows; Doug Geddie, marketing consultant for Conklin Shows, and Neil McGregor, co-ordinator of the tourism program and staff advisor to the travel club.

The travel club executive received 30 contest entries then chose the seven finalists.

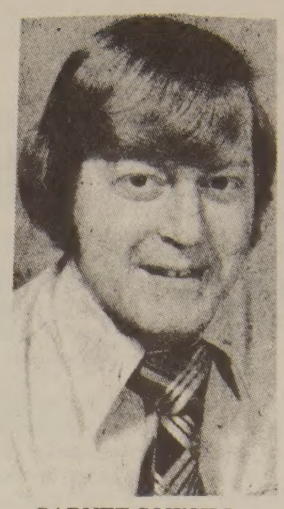
IEEE plans technical report night

Four major projects,picked by Niagara College students as the best in their classes, will be featured at the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineer's (IEEE) technical report night, march 30.

Attending the report night, and the dinner that will precede it, will be IEEE members from both the college and industry chapters.

The featured projects are: an integrated circuit sideband transceiver by Lino Celestini, John Fekkes' automatic picture transmission video converter, a slow scan television conversion system by Alan Haist, and a device for measuring corona losses in extra high voltage transmission lines by Don Murch.

Lino, Al and John are all electronic technician students and Don is in the electrical technician course.



GARNET COWSILL

City editor is N/C grad

Garnet Cowsill, a graduate of the Niagara College Journalism program, has been appointed city editor of the Welland Evening Tribune, it was announced Saturday, March 6. The appointment is effective immediately.

Mr. Cowsill, born in Montreal, graduated from the college in 1971 and has worked with weekly and daily newspapers in Port Colborne and Oshawa. He came to the Welland Tribune in September, 1974, as city hall reporter. He resides in Port Colborne with his wife and son.

Mr. Cowsill takes over from Keith Knight, who has purchased the Christian Courier, a weekly in Burlington.

Long, long letter

In this modern world so much is heard about "keeping up with the Jones'." To keep up with Jackie Jones of Lindale, Tex., will take some doing.

It came to the attention of the Niagara News that on Jan. 10, Jean Stewart of Prentiss, Me., received a letter from her sister, Jackie Jones, which was 318 feet long and contained more than 1 million words, all handwritten.

The letter was written on two rolls of newsprint, weighed 15 pounds and was sent parcel post at a cost of $17.76. It required 26 ballpoint pens to complete and contained mostly news about the family. It must be quite a family.

The letter came about as a result of competition between the sisters to see who could write the longest letter.

Will Mrs. Stewart try and keep up with Mrs. Jones?

$35 for best cover

A new contest is in progress to design a new cover for the 1976-77 Niagara College calendar. All students are able to participate for the $35 first prize award and the winning design will be used for the cover of next year's calendar.

Entries must consist of a front cover, back cover and a binding spine design. The design colors must be the same as those of the college crest—light blue, dark blue and white. The crest must appear on the front, back or both covers of the design. It must also include the words "Niagara College" and "1976-77" on the covers and spine.

Designs must be submitted to Myron Kukla, information officer, in Hennepin Hall before April 9. Selection of the winning design will be made by the calendar committee on or before April 16.

Photography interest may lead to course

Interest in photography may lead to a one-year certificate program in the applied arts extension division.

Development of the program is under consideration by Gail Hilyer, chairperson of the extension division.

The course would be designed for persons already employed who wish to develop a job-related skill, said Mrs. Hilyer. There is no intention to develop a regular college program in photography. The certificate program would also interest amateur photographers.

The idea for the certificate program proposal came because of the high interest in photography courses offered through the extension division now, said Mrs. Hilyer. The course sequence varies too much from area to area and there is too much coverage attempted in introductory courses. An advisory committee has suggested a two-term introductory course.

At the present time, photography courses are very popular; about 100 students are enrolled this term. There is no room for expansion in the present building but the equipment is excellent, said Mrs. Hilyer.

Mrs. Hilyer has done some preliminary research with an advisory committee and will now query the present photography staff. Then a formal proposal will be submitted to the college for approval.

A recent survey indicates that one in 10 current extension students in photography is seeking a job-related skill. The type of student Mrs. Hilyer would hope to attract to the new program would be print journalists hoping to become photo-journalists or safety supervisors in industry who could use photography as an additional teaching tool.

Co-ed b-ball game marks end of season

Niagara's men's and women's basketball teams took part in a co-ed game March 10, marking the end of the playing season for both clubs.

The two teams were split to form equally matched clubs. The special rules stated that each team had to have two girls on the floor at all times, and a boy could never check a girl.

The white team roster was Ken Stewart, Dorothy Bylhouwer, Maria Carboni, Mike Soucie, Larry Dance, Brad Miller, and Wayne Weise.

The blue squad was Monica Rose, Brian Johnson, Tom Boese, Rudy Buksbaum, Diana Schoen, Dave Zalba, Joan Fast and Mark Tessier.

The game started quickly, with both teams trading baskets for the first three minutes. Then the white team took the lead for the rest of the first half. The rebounding of Leaping Larry Dance and Dorothy Bylhouwer gave the whites several shots at the basket each time down the floor. They stretched the lead to eight points but the blue squad came back and the half-time score was 36-32.

The rest of the game was a shoot-out. Behind Brian Johnson's scoring, the blue team stormed back and took a brief 41-40 lead. Then Mike Soucie got hot, the whites took over the lead, and ran up an eight-point bulge.

The blues managed to stay within that margin for the last 10 minutes of the game and then Johnson, Dave Zalba and Tom Boese went to work. With three minutes remaining, the white lead was cut to three points.

The teams traded baskets for the remainder of the game until Brian Johnson tipped in a missed Zalba free throw with 18 seconds left to give the blues a 73-71 victory.

Mike Soucie led all scorers with 26 points. Wayne Weise added 13 for the whites and Dance and Bylhouwer had 9 apiece.

The blue attack had five people in double figures with Johnson netting 21, Boese 14, Monica Rose 13, and Diana Schoen and Zalba 10 each.

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2) Design must be a finished product, "camera ready" in detail to be considered.
3) Colours for the design will be those found on the college crest. College crest must appear on front, back or both covers of the Calendar.
4) Design must include the words "Niagara College" and the year designation "1976-77" on the covers and spine.
5) All designs must have the name of designer, home or campus return address and program enrolled in at Niagara.

This competition is now open. Designs are to be submitted to MyronKukla, Information Officer, Hennepin Hall, Main Campus, on or before April 9, 1976. Selection of winning design will be made by the 1976-77 Calendar Committee on or before April 16, 1976.

Grade 4 children from St. Theresa school of St. Catharines enjoy a pancake breakfast at the opening of the Niagara Peninsula Sugarbush near Vineland, March 1. [Photo by Potter]

Maple syrup time at the sugarbush

By JOHN BRUCE

With the advent of warmer weather, the maple trees in the Niagara peninsula have begun to yield their annual crop of sap, which, after a simple refining process, could end up on top of your breakfast pancakes.

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, in conjunction with Vineland Quarries and Crushed Stone Ltd., has set up its sap refinery behind the quarries off Cherry Road again this year.

Many of the trees in the small maple stand hold buckets and spigots and there's no shortage of sap.

Many busloads of school children have toured the place and enjoyed the home-made pancakes garnished with syrup made from the sap of the nearby trees.

Laura Alexander, who conducts tours through the facility, explained the refining process.

After the sap is collected in the buckets, it is boiled over an open fire until all the water boils off at 218 degrees Fahrenheit. The remaining syrup is then poured through either a felt or wool strainer into bottles or jars.

Laura said the syrup had to be bottled at a minimum temperature of 180 degrees or mould would start to grow in it.

"It won't kill you, but it looks pretty bad," she said.

A tour through the sugar bush area also shows the history of collecting and refining the sap from the earliest Indian methods using birch bark pans to the latest gravity fall pipeline using plastic tubing.

Early settlers in Canada used metal buckets to collect the sap and boiled it over an open fire in large metal pots.

The modern method calls for large plastic "pipelines" in which the sap runs downhill to a large polyethylene bucket.

The sap is then boiled in large sheet metal pans over and open fire and the syrup is poured into bottles or jars through felt strainers.

The sugar bush area will operate for the next few weeks until the sap stops running. While you're there, you can sample the syrup over a hearty meal of pancakes, sausages and coffee, all on the house.

Fear outbreak, plan preventive action

By CAROL McKNIGHT

Plans to start spraying mosquito breeding grounds to protect against encephalitis—inflammation of the brain—are underway by the Niagara Regional health unit. The virus killed four in the Windsor area last year and affected about 100 persons.

The Niagara Region, where six cases were confirmed, was the second hardest hit area in Canada.

If the disease, which is carried by birds and mosquitoes, is allowed to become established, experts predict it will be nearly impossible to wipe out.

Dr. J.N. Burkholder, medical officer of health for the region, said preventive plans have been in the making here since last December.

Area residents will be urged to spray pesticides in possible mosquito breeding areas. Local high school students will be briefed on the disease by representatives from the health unit.

The ministry of health will fund 75 per cent of the spraying costs which will include mapping breeding grounds, the necessary equipment and supplies. The remaining costs will be picked up by the municipalities. Cost of spraying will be $23 per acre.

Control methods

A spokesman for the Niagara Regional health unit, Dr. Louis Grant, said starlings and blackbirds which have migrated to the Niagara area because of the warm weather may be carrying it.

"It's very likely they may be carrying the disease," he said. The ministry is examining blood samples of these birds to affirm whether or nt they are disease-carriers.

Winter weather may have produced ideal hibernating conditions for mosquitoes, according to a Toronto entomologist, but St. Catharines weather bureau disagrees, saying there have been too many changes in January and February to say if the conditions are ideal for breeding. If good conditions have been produced, however, there are methods to destroy mosquito breeding grounds.

Draining stagnant waters is the suggestion most likely to be used.

"The only permanent method is draining swamps," said Dr. Hugh Danks, a Brock University entomologist.This would probably be the most expensive method, but, according to Dr. Danks, "It's a long term thing, it's economical."

Spraying is another method suggested by experts. This, however, may result in killing other wildlife. The cost would be continuing as spraying would have to be done annually.

Spreading oil over hibernating grounds, which would cut off the oxygen supply to mosquito larva and kill it, is another suggestion. This may also be harmful to wildlife. It, too, would have to be done annually.

Stay indoors

Dr. Grant said until something is done about the problem, people should stay indoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are out the most. If a person must go out, all exposed parts of the body should be sprayed with an insecticide.

Symptoms of the virus, which takes from five to 20 days to make a person sick, are severe headaches, chills, malaise (ill feeling), high fever, lack of appetite, drowsiness, stiffness in the muscles particularily of the neck, vomiting, "photophobia" (fear of light), and mild confusion. The disease, for which there is no cure, may also have effects on hearing and vision, and may cause severe depression.

In 99 of 100 cases, natural antibodies enable those bitten to fight off the disease with few or no side effects. Dr. Grant said the disease is usually more serious among older people because their bodies cannot produce these antibodies.

A University of Toronto entomologist, Dr. Susan McIver, said in an interview with The Canadian Press, the cold snap that froze the ground earlier this winter, along with heavy winter snows, have produced ideal conditions for hibernating mosquitoes. St. Catharines Weather bureau, however, reports there have been so many changes in the weather during January and February that it would be hard to determine if ideal conditions have actually been produced.

Whether or not encephalitis will spread throughout the Niagara area "depends on the pattern of infection they've seen in the fall," said Dr. danks. "If it got well established last year it stands a better chance this year."

Niagara Region health unit reports weather conditions have been suitable for mosquito breeding. Because there have been more warm spells earlier in the year than in the past, mosquitoes may come out of their dormant stage earlier.

If there is more rain this spring than usual, the female will be out earlier collecting blood to develop her eggs. The warm weather which attracts birds to the area give mosquitoes something to feed on.

Disease carriers

The disease is brought to the area by migrating birds who have been bitten by infected mosquitoes. When area mosquitoes bite the birdds they pick up the disease and transmit it to humans.

Most birds carry the disease for a short time. Usually it circulates in their blood no longer than three hours. Antibodies in the blood, however, make it possible for the bird to carry the disease without harming the bird.

Dr. Danks said "probably birds and a number of animals are carriers of the disease." Although the disease is harmful to humans, it is harmless to its carriers.

"As far as it's known, it appears they have to pick it up from somewhere," Dr. Danks said. The possibility of a carrier being born with the disease is there, but not likely. Where it originates is not known.

Steps being taken

Welland city council alderman Ivy Riddell said the city would not have to pay for draining or spraying. "I understand the department of health is taking care of it," she said. "I don't think it's necessary to make any plans for spryaing."

In Metropolitan Toronto, steps are already being taken to prevent establishment of the disease. East York Council said March 2 it would support a Metro wide campaign to spray mosquito breeding grounds this spring. Toronto, North York and Scarborough have also said they would support spraying.

The type of encephalitis which hit the Windsor area last year and may possibly be established this year, is called the St. Louis equine. Although no large scale studies have geen done on this type of encephalitis because it is rare, studies have been done on the Western equine which is related to the St. Louis equine.

First aid for faculty

A first aid program for faculty members has been set up at Niagara this term. The program, which will run for six weeks, held its first class March 9.

Robert Baddeley, who is in charge of the program, said it is a St. John standard first aid course.

"It's quite a major concern that we have a number of staff members who are qualified to render first aid," Mr. Baddeley said. "The eventual objective is that the staff could teach first aid throughout the college."

Once a faculty member has completed the program he may then take the instructor's course.

Mr. Baddeley said several major companies whose employees have taken the course have cut down on the number of accidents. The course has proved to be "one of the best accident prevention methods."

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POT SHOTS

By Rob Potter

Canada's unsung heroes

By ROB POTTER

Canadians are strange people.

After celebrating like crazy when Kathy Kreiner, of Timmins, won the gold medal at the Winter Olympics last month, we let go, almost unnoticed, Sylvia Burka's tremendous victory at the world speed skating championships in Oslo, Sweden two weeks later.

Not to take anything away from Kathy.

Her performance—which, after watching it be replayed 97 times on CTV's coverage of the Olympics, we know all too well—certainly rates her as a top athlete in Canadian sports annals.

But, Miss Burka, who was just an also-ran at the Olympics, was ruled out by almost everyone—with the possible exception of herself—when it came time to try for the world championships.

However, she finished high in the standings in all four races in Oslo and came out this year's world champion.

There are a lot of other champions in Canadian sports history who have risen to world signifigance, but whom few people here remembered a couple of months later.

For the past two years, Canadian softball teams have won and tied for the world softball championship.

The "tie" came earlier this year when the world championships, played in New Zealand, had to be called off because the rainy season hit a few weeks too soon.

Three teams—Canada, represented by the Victoria (B.C.) Bates, the United States and New Zealand—were tied for the lead at the time and the tournament was called a three-way draw.

In 1975, the Richmond Hill (ont.) Dynes won the tournament outright.

Curling, too!

And how about the world curling championship?

Canada has won numerous world championships in curling, but we have refused to recognize it as a major sport until recently.

We have to admit we were never much of a curling fan. That is, not until we watched the coverage of the world championships, sponsored by Air Canada, a year ago.

Bill Tetley, of Thunder Bay, Ont., and his Canadian-champion rink, went right down to last rock before losing to the Swedish rink.

It was the first time Canada had lost the title in a few years, but no one has suggested sending our coaches to Sweden to study the scientific approach to curling, and, so far we haven't heard of anyone setting up a Scotiabank Curling College or a Curling Canada Association.

If it sounds as if we're knocking hockey, we are. But don't get ready to deport us to Kenya, yet.

Hockey is the best game this couontry has ever come up with, but must it be the only game.

Why hockey, hockey, hockey?

It seems idiotic that a country that is covered with snow for almost four months of every year can't make a better showing than one gold, one silver and one bronze medal at the winter Olympics

Our skiers have to train in Denver, our bobsled team has to emigrate south to find a run and our celebrated non-existent hockey team didn't even go.

Maybe we can ice a better team than the American team which finished fourth at the winter Olympics, but we didn't prove anything by not being there.

A Canadian hockey team at the winter Olympics would have at least picked up the bronze medal, and possibly the silver.

Why is it so important that we get the gold medal in hockey, while in all the other sports at the Olympics we fail miserably time after time.

Give all a chance

It would be a little more impressive, and perhaps a little more inspiring, if Canada did well in hockey—as we could do now, even without professional players—and picked up a few more medals in some of the other sports.

As a Canadian, we're getting a little tired of watching our under-aided Olympic teams compete against countries who manage to find a way to help their Olympic teams without going into bankruptcy.

Let's give all our athletes, in all ranks and all sports, more recognition, and a decent chance at winning their own version of the Canada-Russia hockey series.

Princess gets her lumps

A British aristocrat was at first pleased to find himself seated next to Princess Anne at a recent banquet, but when the Princess discovered that the woman seated on his other side was a horse enthusiast, the conversation, all about horses, sped back and forth right past him.

He got his revenge when coffee arrived and the Princess asked him to pass the sugar. He complied: two lumps, in the middle of his outstretched palm, right under the royal nose.

Fanshawe dumps Knights 8-4

Niagara Knights hockey team was defeated 8-4 by Fanshawe in a do-or-die game at the Welland Arena on Feb. 28. The Knights needed a win or a tie against second place Fanshawe top qualify for the playoffs.

The loss to Fanshawe came just two nights after the Knights destroyed Conestoga 13-3 in a game at Kitchener.

The two games left the Knights in third place in the Western Division of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association standings with six wins, 12 losses and two ties for 14 points.

Coach Fred Bassi felt it was a "successful season" and that the team improved vastly this year.

The Niagara-Fanshawe game attracted one of the largest crowds of the season as many supporters showed up to cheer on the Knights. Try as they might the Knights were outplayed by the Falcons and once again it was a weak defensive game that hurt the Knights. Mike Soucie scored twice for Niagara in a losing cause, while Bob Stuart and Bill Brown added singles.

It was an entirely different story as Niagara did battle with Conestoga. The Condors, who would up the season in the basement of the Western Division, clearly showed why, as they allowed 13 goals against. Conestoga was defenceless as they permitted the Knights attackers to roam in the Conestoga zone for most of the game. Bob Stuart had a big night scoring four goals. Pat Flynn also played extremely well picking up one goal and four assists. Two goal efforts by Bill Brown, Marty Courage and Bob Buckner added to the slaughter. Doug Ness and Tom MacLean added to the damage.

Reflecting on the year, Bassi said, "I wasn't disappointed. They tried their best and we just didn't have as much ability as Fanshawe or St. Clair."

SPORTS

Ladies curling team defeated in overtime

The ladies came close, but close doesn't count. The men were also defeated.

This was the result of Niagara College's entries in the Western Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) regional curling finals held in Windsor on March 6 and 7.

Fanshawe, Mohawk, St. Clair and Niagara competed in the event with the top two advancing to the OCAA finals in Kirkland Lake on March 26 and 27.

The ladies were tied for second but lost in overtime to Mohawk College by a single point. As a result Fanshawe and Mohawk advance to the finals.

The men weren't as close and subsequently had to settle for elimination as Mohawk and St. Clair won the right to compete in the finals.

Wanda Bach, coach of the curling teams, said she was sorry to see the ladies defeated in overtime.

Niagara didn't compete in mixed play.

Name Cherney To IABC post

Ken Cherney, a Niagara college journalism graduate, has received certification by the international Association of Business Communicators (IABC)—one of only nine Canadians given the certification this year.

Ken is working in public relations in the Manitoba Telephone System in Winnipeg.

The certification was received from the IABC's headquarters in San Francisco.

After his graduation from Niagara in 1970, Ken worked for the Port Colborne News and the Port Colborne bureau of the Welland Evening Tribune.

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Miller surprise party celebrates his 65th

George Miller was given a big "surprise" at the Casa Del Toro restaurant last month.

Mr. Miller, truck driver and deliveryman for the Niagara College maintenance department, was given a party at the restaurant Feb. 26, to honor his 65th birthday and his upcoming retirement. The surprise came when he found that 100 friends turned out to wish him well instead of the expected 25. He received as gifts "a Skil electric saw and a hangover," he said.

Mr. Miller plans to retire this year but has not set a definite date. He is scheduled for a foot operation this June and his return to work and subsequent retirement will depend on his recovery.

Before coming to work at Niagara College in 1972, he worked 28 years as a carpenter and 10 years as a driver for the Children's Aid Society taking children to the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital.

Upon leaving Niagara, Mr. Miller will take it easy and help manage his daughter's and wife's farm. The farm house is rented but he will have enough work to do taking care of the animals and farm, he said.

Mr. Miller said he has enjoyed working for the college for the past four years.

Weeklies *are* exciting: Jonah

Despite their small-town image, weekly newspapers are more exciting —and more important to their readers —than daily newspapers, according to Dave Jonah, executive director of the Canadian Community Newspaper Association (CCNA).

Mr. Jonah said that although weekly newspapers, which operate mainly in towns of 25,000 people or less, don't give their readers stories about national politics or international wars, the information they do print is important to their readers.

"It may not mean much to you that so-and-so's basement got flooded the other day," he said during a visit to Niagara College, "but to the guy whose basement got flooded, boy, that's important."

During his three-hour visit here, March 2, (after a four-hour drive from Toronto through the ice-storm that covered southern Ontario that day) Mr. Jonah answered questions from second-year journalism students and told them of the opportunities available to them in weekly newspapers.

He said daily newspapers are not necessarily more exciting or immediate than weekly papers because many times stories for dailies don't get published for two or three days after they're written.

DAVE JONAH

Mobility help available for graduates

For graduate students who have acquired jobs in faraway places or not so faraway places or even for those who must seek them there, Manpower could be of help monetarily through the Canada Manpower Mobility Program.

But, W.D.Young, supervisor of the Canada Manpower Centre in St. Catharines, warns there is a "squeeze on finances, especially in the mobility programs," although "we will do our best to accomodate people who meet the criteria."

The program is designed to provide money for the unemployed, underemployed and those in danger of becoming jobless, to allow them to relocate in other communities where there are job opportunities.

The program breaks down into four different types of assistance: exploratory grants, to explore job opportunities outside of the area; relocation grants, to relocate yourself and your family; trainee travel grants, to travel to training courses arranged through the Canada Manpower Centre, and special travel grants, to travel to other communities where special counselling services are provided which may be of value.

There are stipulations, however. One is the requirement that an applicant for aid must seek employment at the closest place available.

Filling out the forms and making sure one applies for assistance before one goes, and not after, are two further stipulations.

The final decision as to whether or not one is eligible for assistance rests with the Manpower Centre representative.

Precautions are also taken against potential rip-off artists because, Mr. Young said, "let's face it—95 per cent of people are honest, good-living people, but, for the other five per cent, you have to put controls on."

Manpower, Mr. Young said, functions as a "clearing system" for employer and employee. Information about positions available, as well as positions wanted, is circulated throughout Ontario and the rest of Canada.

Winter's last fling?

Trees were frosted with ice in early March storms in Welland. Elsewhere in the peninsula, there was heavy damage and flooding.

Niagara grad opens shop, credits courses for success

Niagara College students can make it in the outside world. Just ask Jack McGregor, a Niagara college alumnus who owns his own business.

Jack, who graduated in 1973 from a two-year General Business program, is the sole owner of J. and J. Displays in Fonthill, a combination craft, window design and floral arrangement shop.

Jack also teaches Floral Design and Retailing on Monday nights at Niagara's Wellandvale campus. He has worked in the floral design business for the last nine years and in window display for six. After graduating from Niagara College, he worked part-time at Hurley's flower shops in Niagara Falls and full-time in the display business.

He decided early this year that after working for other people for so long it was time to set up his own business. He did so this February and he says he has enjoyed a successful operation so far.

"I just decided it was about time to open my own shop," Jack said in an interview last week. "I had been in the display business and I thought, instead of working for other people, it was time to work for myself."

One of the reasons for his success is the diversity of his shop. In addition to offering floral and display services, his shop is filled with crafts of local artists. He does a lot of floral work for funerals and weddings and window design work for other shops, but the pottery, wood sculptures and other items give him a lot of business, too.

"I buy a lot of good crafts and it gives me a large selection of gift items to offer customers," he said. "I try to have something of interest for all ages."

Even though Jack had experience, he looks back at Niagara for some of his success.

"I think Niagara helped me. It gets you ready for the business world. It taught me a lot about advertising and comparing prices. It also taught me to be careful when purchasing things; when buying, you can't buy what you like, you have to buy what the public likes."

Carolyn's baby

Carolyn Knight, division secretary for Community Education and the Institute of Labour and Labour-Management Studies, gave birth March 10 to a seven pound, 11 ounce baby girl. The baby arrived three weeks early.

She is the first child for Carolyn and her husband, Louis, a personnel official at St. Catharines City Hall.

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To be held in the Cafeteria between 12.00 noon and 2 p.m. during this week.

Nomination forms may be picked up at this time in the Cafeteria.

Positions open for Nominations:

1. *President*
2. *Executive Vice-President*
3. *Vice-President of Finance*
4. *Vice-President of Internal Affairs*
5. *Vice-President of Athletics*
6. *Club Convener*

Campaigning:

Campaigning to take place during March 22 to 25, inclusive. Dates for giving campaign speeches issued later.

VOTING:

Voting will be held Friday March 26, between 9.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

A student may vote once for each office and must be a registered full-time student.

Voting slips and names of nominees will also be available in the cafeteria at this time.

Counting of votes will be done by the Student Advisory Committee and final results will be publicized to the school at 5.00 p.m. March 29, at a Student Administrative Council general meeting which will be held in the cafeteria.

Nominate the candidate of your choice

VOTE AS YOU LIKE...but VOTE!

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